

regarding this aspect of the bill that they adopted and forwarded to me a resolution which urges the veto of the measure. A copy of that resolution is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

Others have expressed what I view as a legitimate concern about the wisdom of the deliberate by-passing of the intake consultant and the State's Attorney under the procedures provided in House Bill 1678. I am not persuaded that the mandatory trial of these matters and the resulting obvious burdening of already overcrowded court dockets is necessary in order to achieve the prime feature of this bill, i.e., in order to deprive a youthful offender of his or her motor vehicle operator's license. Indeed, I am advised that although an intake consultant of a juvenile court may not technically suspend or revoke a motor vehicle operator's license, under current law he or she may, as a condition of an informal adjustment, require that the license be surrendered to either the intake consultant or the minor's parents for a reasonable period of time.<sup>1/</sup>

Still others have objected to the unwise and apparently inadvertant venue provisions of this bill. Specifically, this bill would amend Section 3-808 of the Court's Article so as to require that juveniles who receive citations under this Act would have to be tried in the county of their residence or domicile. For Ocean City alone, this requirement would made the Act entirely unworkable and would completely undermine the ability of the Ocean City Police Department to deal with its perennial teenage drinking problem.

Article II, Section 17 vests the veto power in the Chief Executive for the express purpose, among others, of "guarding against hasty or partial legislation". For the foregoing reason, I have concluded that House Bill 1678 presently constitutes such legislation and therefore must be vetoed.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

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<sup>1/</sup> Similarly, a judge may order the surrender of a license as a condition of probation or suspension.

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By: Councilmember Schaefer

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